

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 20518 (NEW SERIES)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 113.0103 BY REPEALING THE DEFINITION OF "AFFORDABLE HOUSING COST" AND BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "DENSITY;" AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 2 BY AMENDING SECTION 113.0222; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 7 BY AMENDING SECTIONS 143.0710, 143.0715, 143.0720, 143.0740, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 143.0717, AND BY READOPTING EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 3, DIVISION 7 NOT OTHERWISE AMENDED, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DENSITY BONUS REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65915 requires cities, counties, or cities and counties to adopt an ordinance specifying how that agency will implement the state density bonus statutes; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65915 also provides that the failure to adopt an ordinance shall not relieve the agency from compliance with the state density bonus statutes; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2015, amendments to California Government Code section 65915 adopted pursuant to Assembly Bill 2222 became effective; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego has adopted San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7, Affordable Housing Density Bonus Regulations, to implement the state density bonus statutes; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, amendments to Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7, were evaluated pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) was prepared; and

WHEREAS, the SEIR was challenged and invalidated by the court; and

WHEREAS, CEQA review has been conformed for these proposed amendments as well as the entire San Diego Municipal Code division relating to density bonus, and the City of San Diego desires to readopt the earlier provisions for which the CEQA review was invalidated; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City of San Diego has implemented the state statutes on density bonus, without reliance on the invalid amendments or SEIR; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego Municipal Code provisions regarding density bonus require amendment to incorporate the requirements of the current state density bonus statutes;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That all provisions of Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7 not amended below are hereby readopted as set forth in the published San Diego Municipal Code, on file in the Office of the City Clerk as Document No. O- 20518.

Section 2. That Chapter 11, Article 3, Division 1 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by amending section 113.0103 by repealing the definition of “Affordable Housing Cost” and by amending the definition of “Density,” to read as follows:

**§113.0103 Definitions**

*Abutting property through Affiliate* [No change in text.]

*Alley through Deemed complete* [No change in text.]

*Density* means the relationship between the number of *dwelling units* existing or permitted on a *premises* and the area of the *premises*.

*Designated historical resource* through *Yard* [No change in text.]

Section 3. That Chapter 11, Article 3, Division 2 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by amending section 113.0222, to read as follows:

**§113.0222 Calculating Maximum Permitted Density**

(a) Multiple Dwelling Unit Development

For *multiple dwelling unit development*, the maximum number of units that may be permitted on any *premises* is determined by dividing the *lot* area of the *premises* by the number of square feet required for each *dwelling unit* (maximum permitted *density*), as prescribed by the applicable base zone.

(1) If the quotient resulting from this calculation exceeds a whole number by 0.50 or more, the number of *dwelling units* shall be increased to the next whole number.

(2) [No change in text.]

(3) In determining the maximum permitted *density*, the rounding provisions of Section 113.0222(a)(1) may be used only once.

Example of calculation of *density* for *multiple dwelling unit development*:

Lot Area: 1.5 acres x 43,560 (sq. ft./ac.) = 65,340 sq. ft.

Maximum Permitted *Density*: 1 *dwelling unit*/2000 sq. ft.

Units Permitted = 65,340 ÷ 2,000 = 32.67 *dwelling units*

Since the quotient exceeds a whole number by more than 0.50, the maximum number of permitted *dwelling units* shall be rounded up to 33 *dwelling units*.

- (b) [No change in text.]
- (c) For purposes of calculating *density* for a *development* proposing a *density* bonus pursuant to Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7, where the maximum *density* of the base zone and the *land use plan* are inconsistent, the maximum *density* allowed under the *land use plan* shall prevail.  
  
Calculations resulting in any fractional number shall be increased to the next whole number.

Section 4. That Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by amending sections 143.0710, 143.0715, 143.0720, 43.0740, and by adding new section 143.0717, to read as follows:

**§143.0710 Purpose of Affordable Housing Density Bonus Regulations**

The purpose of these regulations is to provide increased residential density to developers who guarantee that a portion of their residential *development* will be available to *moderate income*, *low income*, *very low income*, or senior households. The regulations are intended to materially assist the housing industry in providing adequate and affordable housing for all economic segments of the community and to provide a balance of housing opportunities for *moderate income*, *low income*, *very low income*, and senior households throughout the City. It is intended that the affordable housing *density* bonus and any additional *development* incentive be available for use in all residential *development* of five or more units, using criteria

and standards provided in the General Plan, and that requests be processed by the City of San Diego and be implemented by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission. It is also intended that these regulations implement the provisions of California Government Code Sections 65915 through 65918.

**§143.0715 When Affordable Housing Density Bonus Regulations Apply**

This Division applies to any residential *development* where current zoning allows for five or more *dwelling units*, not including *density* bonus units, where an *applicant* proposes *density* beyond that permitted by the base zone and *land use plan* at the time the application is *deemed complete*, in exchange for either of the following:

(a) through (b) [No change in text.]

**§143.0717 Required Replacement of Affordable Units**

- (a) An *applicant* is ineligible for a *density* bonus or any incentive under this Division if the property on which the *development* is proposed contains, or during the five years preceding the application, contained, rental *dwelling units* that have had the rent restricted by law or covenant to persons and families of *low income* or *very low income*, or have been occupied by persons and families of *low income* or *very low income*, unless the proposed *development* replaces the affordable *dwelling units*, and either:
- (1) Provides affordable *dwelling units* at the percentages set forth in Section 143.0725 (inclusive of the replacement *dwelling units*), or

- (2) Provides all of the *dwelling units* as affordable to *low income* or *very low income* households, excluding any manager's unit(s).
- (b) The number and type of required replacement *dwelling units* shall be determined as follows:
- (1) For a *development* containing any occupied *dwelling units*, the *development* must contain at least the same number of replacement *dwelling units*, of equivalent size or type, or both, and must be made affordable to and occupied by persons and families in the same or a lower income category as the occupied *dwelling units*. If some of the *dwelling units* in the *development* are unoccupied, the replacement *dwelling units* shall be of the same proportion of affordability as those *dwelling units* that are occupied.
  - (2) If all the *dwelling units* are vacant or have been demolished within the five years preceding the application, the *development* must contain at least the same number of replacement *dwelling units*, of equivalent size or type, or both, as existed at the time of the greatest number of occupied affordable *dwelling units* in that *development*, and must be made affordable to and occupied by persons and families in the same or a lower income category as those in occupancy at that same time. If the income categories are unknown for the prior five year period, then one-half of the replacement *dwelling units* shall be made available for rent to or purchase by and occupied by persons and families in the *very low*

*income* category, and one-half of the replacement *dwelling units* shall be made available for rent to and occupied by persons and families in the *low income* category.

- (3) All replacement *dwelling unit* calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number.
- (4) All rental replacement *dwelling units* shall be affordable for at least 55 years.

**§143.0720 Density Bonus in Exchange for Affordable Housing Units**

(a) through (b) [No change in text.]

(c) A rental affordable housing *density* bonus agreement shall utilize the following qualifying criteria consistent with the procedures established by the San Diego Housing Commission:

- (1) *Low income* - At least 10 percent of the pre-*density* bonus units in the *development* shall be affordable, including an allowance for utilities, to *low income* households at a rent that does not exceed 30 percent of 60 percent of area median income, as adjusted for assumed household size; or
- (2) *Very low income* - At least 5 percent of the pre-*density* bonus units in the *development* shall be affordable, including an allowance for utilities, to *very low income* households at a rent that does not exceed 30 percent of 50 percent of the area median income, as adjusted for assumed household size.
- (3) [No change in text.]

- (4) The *dwelling units* shall remain available and affordable for a period of at least 55 years or longer, as may be required by other laws or covenants.
- (d) A for-sale affordable housing *density* bonus agreement shall utilize the following qualifying criteria consistent with the procedures established by the San Diego Housing Commission:
  - (1) *Moderate income* - At least 10 percent of the total *dwelling units* in a common interest development, as defined in California Civil Code Section 4100, shall be affordable, provided that all *dwelling units* in the *development* are offered to the public for purchase.
  - (2) The initial occupant of all for-sale affordable housing units shall be a *very low income, low income, or moderate income* household.
  - (3) Prior to, or concurrent with, the sale of each *density* bonus affordable unit, the *applicant* shall require the buyer to execute and deliver a promissory note in favor of the San Diego Housing Commission so that the repayment of any initial subsidy is ensured.
  - (4) Each for-sale unit shall be occupied by the initial owner at all times until the resale of the unit.
  - (5) Upon the first resale of a unit the seller shall comply with all conditions regarding the sale of a unit, as applied by the San Diego Housing Commission, and as set forth in California Government Code Section 65915(c)(2).



- (6) The affordable units shall be designated units, be comparable in bedroom mix and amenities to the market-rate units in the *development*, and be dispersed throughout the *development*.

(e) through (g) [No change in text.]

- (h) A *condominium conversion* that provides at least 33 percent of the total *dwelling units* to *low income* and *moderate income* households, or 15 percent of the total *dwelling units* to *low income* households, shall be entitled to a *density* bonus of 25 percent or other incentives of equivalent financial value in accordance with State Density Bonus Law and this Division, unless the *development* previously received a *density* bonus or other incentives.

**§143.0740 Development Incentives for Affordable Housing Density Bonus Projects**

The City shall process an incentive requested by an *applicant*, consistent with State Density Bonus Law and as set forth in this Section.

- (a) An incentive means any of the following:
  - (1) through (3) [No change in text.]
- (b) Items not considered incentives by the City of San Diego include, but are not limited to the following:
  - (1) through (6) [No change in text.]
- (c) An incentive requested as part of a *development* meeting the requirements of Section 143.0720 shall be processed according to the following:
  - (1) Upon an *applicant's* request, *development* that meets the applicable requirements of Sections 143.0720 and 143.0725 shall

be entitled to incentives pursuant to Section 143.0740 unless the City makes a written *finding* of denial based upon substantial evidence, of any of the following:

- (A) The incentive is not required in order to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Sections 50052.5 and 50053;
- (B) The incentive would have a specific adverse impact upon public health and safety as defined in Government Code section 65589.5, the physical environment, including *environmentally sensitive lands*, or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the *development* unaffordable to *low income* and *moderate income* households;
- (C) The incentive would be contrary to state or federal law. Requested incentives shall be analyzed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth in Chapter 12, Article 8, and no incentive shall be granted without such compliance; or
- (D) Within the Coastal Overlay Zone, the incentive would be inconsistent with the resource protection standards of the

City's Local Coastal Program or the *environmentally sensitive lands* regulations, with the exception of *density*.

(2) through (4) [No change in text.]

(5) Notwithstanding Sections 143.0740(c)(3) and (4), when a *development permit* is required, the decision to deny a requested incentive shall be made by the decision maker for the *development permit*.

(d) The number of incentives available are identified in Table 143-07A for *low income* households, Table 143-07B for *very low income* households, and Table 143-07C for *moderate income* households consistent with the percentage of pre-*density* bonus units identified in column one of each table.

**Table 143-07A**  
**Low Income Density Bonus**  
**Households**

[No change in text.]

**Table 143-07B**  
**Very Low Income Density Bonus**  
**Households**

[No change in text.]

**Table 143-07C**  
**Moderate Income Density Bonus**  
**Households**

Percent <i>Moderate</i> <i>Income</i> Units	Percent <i>Density</i> Bonus	Number of Incentives
10	5	1
11	6	1
12	7	1
13	8	1
14	9	1
15	10	1
16	11	1
17	12	1
18	13	1
19	14	1
20	15	2
21	16	2
22	17	2
23	18	2
24	19	2
25	20	2
26	21	2
27	22	2
28	23	2
29	24	2
30	25	3
31	26	3
32	27	3
33	28	3
34	29	3
35	30	3
36	31	3
37	32	3
38	33	3
39	34	3
40	35	3

- (e) Child Care Center: *Development* that meets the criteria in Section 143.0720 and includes a child care center as defined in Section 141.0606(a)(2) as part of, or adjacent to, such *development* shall be entitled to an additional *density* bonus or incentive provided that:

(1) through (4) [No change in text.]

(f) Parking: In addition to any other incentive, and upon the request of an *applicant*, the City shall apply the following regulations:

- (1) For a *development* that meets the criteria of Section 143.0720(d), the following vehicular parking ratios, inclusive of disabled and guest parking, shall apply:
  - (A) Zero to one bedroom: one onsite parking space.
  - (B) Two to three bedrooms: two onsite parking spaces.
  - (C) Four and more bedrooms: two and one-half parking spaces.
  - (D) Additional reductions of 0.25 spaces per *dwelling unit* shall be granted for *development* that is at least partially within a *transit area* as described in Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 10 (Transit Area Overlay Zone), or that is subject to Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 11 (Urban Village Overlay Zone).
- (2) For a *development* that meets the criteria of Sections 142.0720(c) or (e), the following vehicular parking ratios, inclusive of disabled and guest parking, shall apply:
  - (A) The parking regulations set forth in Section 142.0527 shall apply for *dwelling units* that meet the criteria of Section 142.0527(a)(3). If these parking ratios are greater than the parking ratios set forth in Section 143.0740(f)(1), then the parking ratios in Section 143.0740(f)(1) shall apply.

(B) The parking requirements for all other *dwelling units* within a *development* that do not meet the requirements of Section 142.0527(a)(3) shall be determined in accordance with Section 143.0740(f)(l).

(3) For purposes of this Division, a *development* may provide onsite parking through tandem parking or uncovered parking, but not through on-street parking or parking within a required front *yard* setback.

Section 5. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to passage, a written copy having been made available to the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 6. That prior to becoming effective, this ordinance shall be submitted to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) for a consistency determination.

That if the SDCRAA finds this ordinance consistent with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP) for San Diego International Airport, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, Gillespie Field, Montgomery Field, and Brown Field Airports (collectively, Airports), this ordinance shall take effect and be in force as of the date of the finding of consistency by SDCRAA, provided that and not until at least 30 days have passed from the final date of passage, except that the provisions of this ordinance inside the Coastal Overlay Zone, which are subject to California Coastal Commission jurisdiction as a City of San Diego Local Coastal Program amendment shall not take effect until the date the California Coastal Commission unconditionally certifies those provisions as a local coastal program amendment.

That if the SDCRAA determines that this ordinance is inconsistent or conditionally consistent, subject to proposed modifications, with the ALUCPs for the Airports, the ordinance shall be submitted to the City Council for reconsideration.

That if the SDCRAA determines that this ordinance is conditionally consistent with the ALUCPs for the Airports, but that consistency is subject to proposed modifications, the City Council may amend this ordinance to accept the proposed modifications, and this ordinance as amended shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage, except that the provisions of this ordinance as amended inside the Coastal Overlay Zone, which are subject to California Coastal Commission jurisdiction as a City of San Diego Local Coastal Program amendment shall not take effect until the date the California Coastal Commission unconditionally certifies those provisions as a local coastal program amendment.

That a proposed decision by the City Council to overrule a determination of inconsistency or to reject the proposed modifications for a finding of conditional consistency shall include the findings required pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 21670 and require a two-thirds vote; the proposed decision and findings shall be forwarded to the SDCRAA, California Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, and the airport operators for the Airports; and the City Council shall hold a second hearing not less than 45 days from the date the proposed decision and findings were provided, at which hearing any comments submitted by the public agencies shall be considered and any final decision to overrule a determination of inconsistency shall require a two-thirds vote.

Section 7. That no permits shall be issued for development that is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance unless complete applications for such permits are submitted to the

City prior to the date on which the applicable provisions of this ordinance become effective,  
which date is determined in accordance with Section 6, above.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of  
San Diego, at this meeting of JUL 14 2015.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By Mary Kennedy  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7/24/15  
(date)

Kevin L. Faulconer  
KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

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### §113.0103 Definitions

*Abutting property through Affiliate* [No change in text.]

~~*Affordable housing cost* shall mean (1) for ownership housing, a housing payment which includes loan principal, loan interest, property taxes, property and mortgage insurance, and homeowners association dues which allows a household with a gross income at not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the area median income to purchase a home and (2) for rental or cooperative housing, a housing payment including a reasonable allowance for utilities, which does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of not more than fifty percent (50%) of the area median income for very low income households and thirty percent (30%) of not~~

~~more than eighty percent (80%) of the area median income for low income households.~~

*Alley through Deemed complete* [No change in text.]

*Density* means the relationship between the number of ~~dwelling units~~ dwelling units existing or permitted on a *premises* and the area of the *premises*. See Section 113.0222 for additional information on calculating ~~density~~.

*Designated historical resource through Yard* [No change in text.]

## §113.0222 **Calculating Maximum Permitted Density**

### (a) Multiple Dwelling Unit Development

For *multiple dwelling unit development*, the maximum number of units that may be permitted on any *premises* is determined by dividing the ~~lot~~ lot area of the *premises* by the number of square feet required for each ~~dwelling unit~~ dwelling unit (maximum permitted ~~density~~ density), as prescribed by the applicable base zone.

- (1) If the quotient resulting from this calculation exceeds a whole number by 0.50 or more, the number of ~~dwelling units~~ dwelling units ~~may shall~~ be increased to the next whole number.
- (2) [No change in text.]
- (3) In determining the maximum permitted *density*, the rounding provisions of Section 113.0222(a)(1) may be used only once. ~~For example, if multiple calculations are required as with application of the density bonus provision, the result of only one calculation may be increased to the next whole number.~~

Example of calculation of *density* for *multiple dwelling unit development*:

Lot Area: 1.5 acres x 43,560 (sq. ft./ac.) = 65,340 sq. ft.

Maximum Permitted *Density*: 1 ~~dwelling unit~~ dwelling unit/2000 sq. ft.

Units Permitted =  $65,340 \div 2,000 = 32.67$  ~~dwelling units~~ dwelling units

Since the quotient exceeds a whole number by more than 0.50, the maximum number of permitted ~~dwelling units~~ dwelling units ~~may~~ shall be rounded up to 33 ~~dwelling units~~ dwelling units.

(b) [No change in text.]

(c) For purposes of calculating *density* for a *development* proposing a *density bonus* pursuant to Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 7, where the maximum *density* of the base zone and the *land use plan* are inconsistent, the maximum *density* allowed under the *land use plan* shall prevail. Calculations resulting in any fractional number shall be increased to the next whole number.

#### **§143.0710 Purpose of Affordable Housing Density Bonus Regulations**

The purpose of these regulations is to provide increased residential density to developers who guarantee that a portion of their residential *development* will be available to *moderate income*<sub>7.2</sub>, *low income*<sub>7.2</sub>, *very low-income*<sub>7.2</sub> or senior households. The regulations are intended to materially assist the housing industry in providing adequate and affordable housing for all economic segments of the

community and to provide a balance of housing opportunities for *moderate income*, *low income*, *very low-income*, and senior households throughout the City. It is intended that the affordable housing *density* bonus and any additional *development* incentive be available for use in all residential *development* of five or more units, using criteria and standards provided in the ~~Progress Guide and~~ General Plan, ~~as defined by the San Diego Housing Commission; and~~ that requests be processed by the City of San Diego; and ~~that they~~ be implemented by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the San Diego Housing Commission. It is also intended that these regulations implement the provisions of California Government Code Sections 65915 through 65918.

**§143.0715 When Affordable Housing Density Bonus Regulations Apply**

This ~~d~~Division applies to any residential *development*, ~~located on land~~ where current zoning allows for five or more ~~pre-density bonus dwelling units~~, not including density bonus units, where an *applicant* proposes *density* beyond that permitted by the ~~applicable~~ base zone and land use plan at the time the application is deemed complete, in exchange for either of the following as set forth in this division:

(a) through (b) [No change in text.]

**§143.0717 Required Replacement of Affordable Units**

(a) An applicant is ineligible for a density bonus or any incentive under this Division if the property on which the development is proposed contains, or during the five years preceding the application, contained, rental dwelling units that have had the rent restricted by law or covenant to persons and

families of low income or very low income, or have been occupied by persons and families of low income or very low income, unless the proposed development replaces the affordable dwelling units, and either:

- (1) Provides affordable dwelling units at the percentages set forth in Section 143.0725 (inclusive of the replacement dwelling units), or
- (2) Provides all of the dwelling units as affordable to low income or very low income households, excluding any manager's unit(s).

(b) The number and type of required replacement dwelling units shall be determined as follows:

- (1) For a development containing any occupied dwelling units, the development must contain at least the same number of replacement dwelling units, of equivalent size or type, or both, and must be made affordable to and occupied by persons and families in the same or a lower income category as the occupied dwelling units. If some of the dwelling units in the development are unoccupied, the replacement dwelling units shall be of the same proportion of affordability as those dwelling units that are occupied.
- (2) If all the dwelling units are vacant or have been demolished within the five years preceding the application, the development must contain at least the same number of replacement dwelling units, of equivalent size or type, or both, as existed at the time of the greatest number of occupied affordable dwelling units in that development, and must be made affordable to and occupied by

persons and families in the same or a lower income category as those in occupancy at that same time. If the income categories are unknown for the prior five year period, then one-half of the replacement *dwelling units* shall be made available for rent to or purchase by and occupied by persons and families in the *very low income* category, and one-half of the replacement *dwelling units* shall be made available for rent to and occupied by persons and families in the *low income* category.

- (3) All replacement *dwelling unit* calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number.
- (4) All rental replacement *dwelling units* shall be affordable for at least 55 years.

**§143.0720 Density Bonus in Exchange for Affordable Housing Units**

(a) through (b) [No change in text.]

(c) A rental affordable housing *density* bonus agreement shall utilize the following qualifying criteria consistent with the procedures established by the San Diego Housing Commission:

- ~~(1)~~(1) *Low income* - At least 10 percent of the pre-*density* bonus units in the *development* shall be affordable, including an allowance for utilities, to *low income* households at a rent that does not exceed 30 percent of 60 percent of area median income, as adjusted for assumed household size; or

- ~~(2)~~(2) *Very low income* - At least 5 percent of the pre-*density* bonus units in the *development* shall be affordable, including an allowance for utilities, to *very low income* households at a rent that does not exceed 30 percent of 50 percent of the area median income, as adjusted for assumed household size.
- (3) [No change in text.]
- (4) The *dwelling units* shall remain available and affordable for a period of at least 30 55 years or longer, as may be required by other laws or covenants.
- (d) A for-sale affordable housing *density* bonus agreement shall utilize the following qualifying criteria consistent with the procedures established by the San Diego Housing Commission:
- (1) Moderate income - At least 10 percent of the total *dwelling units* in a common interest development, as defined in California Civil Code Section 4100, shall be affordable, provided that all *dwelling units* in the *development* are offered to the public for purchase.
- ~~(2)~~(2) The initial occupant of all for-sale affordable housing density bonus units shall be only be available to common interest development, as defined by California Civil Code Section 1351, where at least 10 percent of the pre-*density* bonus units in the *development* shall be initially sold and affordable to a very low income, low income, or moderate income households at a price that is affordable to families earning 110 percent of the area median

~~income as adjusted for assumed household size, as determined by the San Diego Housing Commission, and where all of the dwelling units are offered to the public for purchase.~~

(2)(3) Prior to, or concurrent with, the sale of each *density* bonus affordable unit, the *applicant* shall require the buyer to execute and deliver a promissory note in favor of the San Diego Housing Commission so that the repayment of any initial subsidy is ensured.

(3)(4) Each for-sale unit shall be occupied by the initial owner at all times until the resale of the unit.

(4)(5) Upon the first resale of a unit the seller shall comply with all conditions regarding the sale of a unit, as applied by the San Diego Housing Commission, and as set forth in California Government Code Section 65915(c)(2).

(5)(6) The affordable units shall be designated units, be comparable in bedroom mix and amenities to the market-rate units in the *development*, and be ~~dispensed~~ dispersed throughout the *development*.

(e) through (g) [No change in text.]

(h) A condominium conversion that provides at least 33 percent of the total dwelling units to low income and moderate income households, or 15 percent of the total dwelling units to low income households, shall be entitled to a density bonus of 25 percent or other incentives of equivalent



financial value in accordance with State Density Bonus Law and this Division, unless the *development* previously received a *density* bonus or other incentives.

**§143.0740 Development Incentives for Affordable Housing Density Bonus Projects**

The City shall process an incentive requested by an *applicant*, consistent with State Density Bonus Law and as set forth in this Section.

- (a) ~~The *applicant* shall demonstrate that the incentive is necessary to make the housing units economically feasible.~~
- (~~b~~a) An incentive means any of the following:
  - (1) through (3) [No change in text.]
- (~~e~~b) Items not considered incentives by the City of San Diego include, but are not limited to the following:
  - (1) through (6) [No change in text.]
- (~~d~~c) An incentive requested as part of a *development* meeting the requirements of Sections 143.0720(~~e~~) or 143.0720(~~d~~) shall be processed according to the following:
  - (1) Upon an *applicant's* request, ~~development meeting~~ *development that meets* the applicable requirements of Sections 143.0720 and 143.0725 shall be entitled to incentives pursuant to Section 143.0740 unless the City makes a written *finding* of denial based upon substantial evidence, of ~~either~~ any of the following:

- (A) The incentive is not required in order to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Sections 50052.5 and 50053.;
- (B) The incentive would have a specific adverse impact upon public health and safety or as defined in Government Code section 65589.5, the physical environment, including environmentally sensitive lands, or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources; and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the *development* unaffordable to *low income* and *moderate income* households.;
- (C) The incentive would be contrary to state or federal law.  
Requested incentives shall be analyzed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth in Chapter 12, Article 8, and no incentive shall be granted without such compliance; or
- (D) Within the Coastal Overlay Zone, the incentive would be inconsistent with the resource protection standards of the City's Local Coastal Program or the environmentally sensitive lands regulations, with the exception of density.

(2) through (4) [No change in text.]

- (5) Notwithstanding Sections 143.0740(~~dc~~)(3) and (4), when a *development permit* is required, the decision to deny a requested incentive shall be made by the decision maker for the *development permit*.
- (~~ed~~) The number of incentives available are identified in Table 143-07A for *low income households*, Table 143-07B for *very low income households*, and Table 143-07C for *moderate income households* consistent with the percentage of pre-*density* bonus units identified in column one of each table.

**Table 143-07A**  
**Low Income Density Bonus**  
**~~Rental Housing~~ Households**

[No change in text.]

**Table 143-07B**  
**Very Low Income Density Bonus**  
**~~Rental Housing~~ Households**

[No change in text.]

**Table 143-07C**  
**Moderate Income Density Bonus**  
**~~For-Sale Housing~~ Households**

Percent <i>Moderate Income</i> Units	Percent <i>Density</i> Bonus	Number of Incentives
10	20 <u>5</u>	1
11	21 <u>6</u>	1
12	22 <u>7</u>	1
13	23 <u>8</u>	1
14	24 <u>9</u>	1
15	25 <u>10</u>	1
16	26 <u>11</u>	1
17	27 <u>12</u>	1
18	28 <u>13</u>	1
19	29 <u>14</u>	1

Percent <i>Moderate</i> <i>Income</i> Units	Percent <i>Density</i> Bonus	Number of Incentives
20	<del>30</del> <u>15</u>	2
21	<del>31</del> <u>16</u>	2
22	<del>32</del> <u>17</u>	2
23	<del>33</del> <u>18</u>	2
24	<del>34</del> <u>19</u>	2
25 – 29	<del>35</del> <u>20</u>	2
<del>≥ 30</del> <u>26</u>	<del>35</del> <u>21</u>	<del>3</del> <u>2</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>33</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>34</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>37</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>38</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3</u>

- (~~fe~~) Child Care Center: *Development* that meets the criteria in Section 143.0720 and includes a child care center as defined in Section 141.0606(a)(2) as part of, or adjacent to, such *development* shall be entitled to an additional *density* bonus or incentive provided that:
- (1) through (4) [No change in text.]
- (~~gf~~) Parking: In addition to any other incentive, and upon the request of an applicant, ~~that proposes a development meeting the criteria of Section~~ 143.0720(e), (d), or (e) the City shall apply the following ~~vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of handicapped and guest parking~~ regulations:

- (1) For a *development* that meets the criteria of Section 143.0720(d), the following vehicular parking ratios, inclusive of disabled and guest parking, shall apply:
- (1A) Zero to one bedroom: one onsite parking space.
  - (2B) Two to three bedrooms: two onsite parking spaces.
  - (3C) Four and more bedrooms: two and one-quarter half parking spaces.
  - (4D) Additional reductions to the parking ratios of 0.25 spaces per *dwelling unit* shall be granted for projects *development* that is at least partially within a *transit area*, and for very *low income* households as follows as described in Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 10 (Transit Area Overlay Zone), or that is subject to Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 11 (Urban Village Overlay Zone):.
- (2) For a *development* that meets the criteria of Sections 142.0720(c) or (e), the following vehicular parking ratios, inclusive of disabled and guest parking, shall apply:
- (A) *Development* that is at least partially within a *transit area* as described in Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 10 (Transit Area Overlay Zone) or that is subject to Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 11 (Urban Village Overlay Zone), shall receive a 0.25 space per *dwelling unit* reduction in the parking ratio for the entire *development*. The parking regulations set

forth in Section 142.0527 shall apply for *dwelling units* that meet the criteria of Section 142.0527(a)(3). If these parking ratios are greater than the parking ratios set forth in Section 143.0740(f)(1); then the parking ratios in Section 143.0740(f)(1) shall apply.

- (B) *Development that includes ~~dwelling units~~ limited to occupancy by ~~very low income~~ households shall receive a 0.25 space reduction in the parking ratio for each ~~dwelling unit~~ that is limited to occupancy by a ~~very low income~~ household. The parking requirements for all other *dwelling units* within a *development* that do not meet the requirements of Section 142.0527(a)(3) shall be determined in accordance with Section 143.0740(f)(1).*
- (C) *Development that includes ~~dwelling units~~ limited to occupancy by ~~very low income~~ households, and is at least partially within a ~~transit area~~, shall receive the combined reductions in sections 143.0740(g)(4)(A) and (B).*

- (53) For purposes of this ~~d~~Division, a *development* may provide onsite parking through tandem parking or uncovered parking, but not through on-street parking or parking within a required front ~~yard~~ yard setback.

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Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Mary Kennedy, Deputy

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was not finally passed until twelve calendar days had elapsed between the day of its introduction and the day of its final passage, to wit, on

JUN 23 2015, and on JUL 28 2015.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said ordinance was read in full prior to passage or that such reading was dispensed with by a vote of five members of the Council, and that a written copy of the ordinance was made available to each member of the Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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